

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the final office action in which the Examiner rejected claim 3 under § 112, first paragraph; and rejected claims 1-12, 15-17, 19-20 and 22-23 under § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants have amended the claims and Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections for the reasons set out below.

Claim 3 has been amended to recite a temperature range of 50 – 200 °C, which includes an upper limit, as required.

Claims 1, 2-4, 9, 12, 15-17, and 19 have been amended as required.

Claim 8 has been amended so as to conform to standard Markush formatting.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present submission wholly responds to the office action and places all claims in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the amendments be entered, the outstanding rejections be withdrawn, and the case passed to allowance.

If it would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues in the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,
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